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To: Agency Personnel

From: Fire and Aviation Directors;

Bureau of Land Management

Forest Service

Fish and Wildlife Service National Park Service

Subject: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2003

The Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council chartered a task group to annually revise, publish and distribute the federal *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*.

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations 2003 states, references, or supplements policy for Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service fire and fire aviation management operations. Agency specific exceptions are identified in the text.

For the Bureau of Land Management this document is Handbook 9213-1.

This document continues the effort to meet specific action items from the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy of 1995 and 2001.

Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2003 is an example of the interagency effort to continually improve the safety, effectiveness and efficiency of interagency fire and fire aviation operations.

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